GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Private Companies in Domestic Gas Fields
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring any private company in the field of domestic gas in order to boost the sector and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan for increasing the domestic gas connection and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government proposes to provide domestic cylinders to the people without connection and subsidy and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) No, Madam. Currently, some private companies are supplying LPG to domestic consumers also under the "parallel marketing" system.
(b) OMCs aim to increase the National LPG coverage to 75 %, with minimum 60 % coverage at State level and at least one distributor in each block. To increase the penetration in rural and backward areas, Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) are continuously appointing new LPG distributors and more than 97 % of blocks are being catered by at least one LPG distributorship.
(c) Government has allowed the sale of 5 Kg LPG cylinders with / without Domestic Pressure Regulator (DPR) through Retail Outlets of Public Sector Oil Marketing companies (OMCs) which are accessible to all and are open for longer hours. Subsequently, sale of 5 Kg Free Trade LPG(FTL) cylinder has been extended to LPG distributorship points and Kirana /General stores etc also for the convenience of the target consumers. As on 31.10.2015, the scheme is under operation from 261 retail outlets, 484 distributorship points and 194 Kirana/general stores, on industry basis.